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RAJYA SABHA

Telemetry System

* 51. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is setting up Telemetry System in the country, more especially in the thickly populated towns, with a view to collect accurate data on seismic activities; and

(b) whether this facility is already available in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The India Meteorological Department is initially setting up a V-SAT based digital seismic telemetry system around National Capital Region, Delhi consisting of 16 field stations spread around the region and a Central Receiving Station (CRS) at IMD headquarters at Delhi. Ten field stations have already been installed and work on the installation of remaining six stations has been initiated.

(b) The facility is the first V-SAT based digital seismic telemetry system being set up in a Metropolitan city by IMD.

Medical Insurance Scheme for retired and serving Employees

* 52. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce a comprehensive medicare insurance scheme, christened Medicare for the serving and retired Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of money required therefor;

(c) whether the State owned and private insurance companies have been consulted for viable package; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Finance has agreed to it; if so, by when the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) At present there is no concrete proposal to introduce a comprehensive medicare insurance scheme for serving and retired Government employees under consideration as the serving Central Government employees as well as the pensioners residing in cities which are covered by CGHS are eligible for contributory CGHS Scheme. Those Central Government serving employees who are residing in places not covered by CGHS are eligible for medical treatment under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Staff Strength in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Kendriya Vidyalayas

* 53. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of norms for determining staff strength of Kendriya Vidyalayas as also that of Headquarter and Regional offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, as approved by its Board of Governors in August, 1990; and

(b) the details of meetings wherein these norms had been changed thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The details of the norms for determining the staff strength of Kendriya Vidyalayas as approved by Board of Governors in August 1990 are given in the Statement (*See below*). However, the staff for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters and its Regional Offices is sanctioned on the basis of work studies conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development from time to time. The last such work study report was submitted on 19th March, 1990.